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EXTRA SESSION TO BE CALLED EARLY IN MAY

Governor Carter Has About Determined on the Eighth of Next Month as the Date For Assembling.

Governor Carter will call an extra session of the legislature to meet on May 8th, although he may conclude to call it a few days earlier.

"I have been in some doubt as to the date for the extra session," said the Governor yesterday. "The members themselves are not of one mind concerning the matter. Some of them want to go right on from the day when the present session expires by law, and finish up their work. Others, and I believe that they are those who have the keenest appreciation of their responsibilities, have felt the strain of the work, and think that it would be better to have a little time for recuperation—to review what they have done, to look at themselves, so to say.

"My own opinion inclines to a short period of delay. The Organic Act does not say that an extra session must be called immediately to consider the appropriations bills. It merely says that the extra session must be called—in case there is an adjournment without action upon those measures.

"I have given the matter some serious thought, and have about reached the conclusion to call the legislature together again after adjournment on the 8th of May, although I may conclude to make the date the 27th of April. But my present preference is for the later date.

"It will be an extra session, not an extension nor a special session, and the legislature may be in session for another sixty days, but I do not expect that. It seems to me that the appropriation bills should be passed in thirty days."

GOVERNOR IS WILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON NEW LIQUOR BILL

It is not anticipated that the Governor and the legislature will have a great deal of difficulty in arriving at an amicable understanding on the new liquor bill, which has already passed the House and been taken up on first reading in the Senate.

"I wanted them to leave the matter of discretion in the issuance of licenses with the Treasurer," said Governor Carter yesterday, "but the members were not willing to do that. I think that a suggestion made by a member of the legislature will settle the point satisfactorily. This suggestion is that, within the limited zone, no license shall be issued unless the applicant shall obtain the consent or approval of his application by a majority of the property owners and residents within a certain specified distance of the place where it is proposed to sell liquor.

"So far as I can see, the weak point in the bill lies in this, that there is a danger that it may throw open the residence districts of Honolulu to saloons. There is a strong public sentiment against that, and it is not less strong now than it always has been."

Governor Carter did not say, of course, that he would sign the new bill if it came to him in satisfactory shape—that is to say with a proper check on power to issuance of licenses, so that the residence districts may be protected, but there was a strong intimation to that effect—and the views of the Governor upon this point are pretty well known, anyway.

The Senate, it seems, rather strained at a snail in rejecting the veto of the old liquor bill because of an error that was merely clerical in designating the bill in the message. The House, from which body the liquor bill originally came, did not cavil at the designation of the bill in the veto. In fact, the veto designation was the House title of the bill, the Senate having amended it. The Governor, however, expressed his perfect willingness to amend the veto, if that should be deemed necessary.

"I must have dictated my veto from the original printed copy of the bill, through an oversight," Governor Carter said yesterday.

The Senate has given the whole matter into the hands of a special committee consisting of Senators Achi and Bishop, and these gentlemen will undoubtedly arrange a satisfactory adjustment today.

SECRETARY ATKINSON MAY VISIT MAINLAND AGAIN

"If the funding bill that has passed the House and went up to Senate today gets through," said Governor Carter yesterday, "we will give Secretary Atkinson another trip to the mainland. There is no good reason why this Territory should be paying five per cent interest when it can get money at four, and if the bill goes through it will be a matter of importance to send an agent to the financial center of the country as soon as possible, to the end that we may begin saving interest."

The funding bill referred to is House Bill 223, which passed third reading and was sent up to the Senate yesterday. It provides that the Treasurer of the Territory may arrange for the refunding of the old Territorial debt, amounting to about eight hundred thousand dollars and now drawing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, by the issuance of four per cent bonds for the amount.

It is known positively by the officials, from the recent experience of Secretary Atkinson in disposing of bonds, that an issue of this kind would find ready takers and the saving to the Territory in interest charges would be well worth looking after. The funding bill can be put through the Senate very easily, it is thought, in the time that is remaining, as the bill is a simple one whose provisions and purposes can be readily understood.

FACTS VS. FICTION

President Tenney Peck's Rejected Senate Letter.

Following is the letter written by the President of the Rapid Transit & Land Co., in reply to a report of a Senate committee which did injustice to the corporation he represents, which letter was rejected by the Senate in a close vote:

HONOLULU RAPID TRANSIT & LAND COMPANY.

Office of the President.

Honolulu, April 17th, 1905.
Honorable D. P. R. Isenberg,
President of the Senate,
Territory of Hawaii.

Sir:—
The Directors of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company having reviewed the report of the Senate Committee, appointed under Resolution 41 re this Company, note with surprise the startling conclusions of the Committee, and by order of the Board I beg to represent to the honorable Senate the following:

FIRST: The answers made to questions 1 to 8, inclusive, set forth on pages 1 to 8 of the report, and signed by your Committee's Accountant, Mr. Allen W. T. Bottomley, are presumably correct, the books of the Company having been thrown open to Mr. Bottomley, and every facility afforded him by the officials of the company for ascertaining and tabulating the items set out in his own report to the Committee.

SECOND: I would respectfully represent that the tables and deductions in the body of the Committee's report, as set out on pages 28 to 34 thereof, in so far as they adhere to the records of the Company's books, as set out in detail by Mr. Bottomley, are also presumably correct; but such adherence goes but a short way, and as Mr. Bottomley has disclaimed any responsibility for any exhibits in the entire report not over his signature, the Board feels called upon thus to make known to your honorable body that no member of your Committee has requested any information of the officials of the Company in connection with the report, neither has any member thereof visited the offices of the Company nor seen any of its books or records in relation thereto, nor has any person on the Committee's behalf, other than Mr. Bottomley, made any effort whatsoever, as far as known to the Board, to get any information for the report from the officers or books of this Company. The Board submits herewith a copy of its published Annual Report for 1904, and respectfully represents that certain findings of the Committee cannot properly or consistently be based thereon, nor, except as to minor points, on the Bottomley report.

THIRD: The actual cost of the property of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company, as per vouchers on file, as of December 31st, 1904, was, as shown in the Annual Report herewith, \$1,568,802.43, which includes the net cost on that date of the Hawaiian Tramways purchase, amounting to \$292,132.69, and certain equipment and supplies.

FOURTH: The outstanding capital stock of the Company as of the same date, amounted to \$1,143,000.00, which was less than the actual cost of the Company's property by \$425,802.43, and less than its assessed valuation for taxation purposes during the previous year by \$209,215.00, said assessed value having been \$1,352,215.00. Inasmuch as the honorable Committee has issued a public report stating in effect that the stockholders of this Company have already appropriated to themselves over three dollars of common stock for each dollar paid in, in cash (which action, it alleges, could be only for the purpose of defrauding the Territory of Hawaii from any compensation whatever under the provision of the franchise for a contingent division of earnings with the government), it is evident that the Committee has been misled by ex parte assertions of some person or persons in the community who, for reasons unknown to this

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PEACOCK- ROTHWELL

A Serious Difference Between Old Friends.

An evening paper published the following yesterday:

"Referring to your notice in last evening's issue, of the attachment suit Mr. Rothwell has seen fit to enter against me, permit me to say that his sworn statement is absolutely false and malicious, and that he must have been aware of the fact.

Legal proceedings have been instituted and Mr. Rothwell will be given every opportunity to explain his action in this matter without any delay so far as I am concerned.

W. C. PEACOCK.

Honolulu, April 20, 1905.

Editor Advertiser: The letter of Mr. W. C. Peacock published in last evening's Bulletin was, I am sure, written by him without due consideration or appreciation of either circumstances or facts.

Conditions for which I am in no way responsible, have compelled me, as executor of an estate, to take proceedings which none can regret more than myself.

I have been placed in such position that I had to make immediate decision between personal loyalty to Mr. Peacock, and my duty as both executor and trustee.

Having decided that the interests I held in trust came first, no other course than that I have taken was open to me, and if Mr. Peacock had been my brother I would have followed the same proceeding under similar conditions.

I make response only because Mr. Peacock's communication calls for it; the public must judge for itself.

J. G. ROTHWELL.

Honolulu, April 20, 1905.

CHARGES AGAINST THE S. S. OLYMPIA

A cablegram was sent yesterday to the Japanese Consul General for the Pacific Coast, at San Francisco, requesting him to hold an investigation into the treatment of the Japanese passengers of the Olympia, with particular reference to their medical examination just prior to departure by the steamship doctor.

Signed statements were left here by some of the passengers, complaining that all of the Japanese emigrants were compelled to strip bare of every shred of clothing, and the women kept awaiting their turn for inspection, while completely nude, in presence of the men. The complainers declared that they would never have taken passage in the Olympia had they known how they were to be treated.

STARBUCK TIED UP.

The ship Tillie E. Starbuck is still tied up in naval row while the cases of the men who are said to have had money advanced to them on their allotments are being investigated. The ship cannot get men to take their places at present. It is possible that the old men may be returned to her today so that she can sail for Delaware Breakwater.

CLAUS SPRECKELS MAY BUY THE HAWAIIAN HOTEL

Claus Spreckels, the latest report is, comes to Honolulu today in the steamer Alameda mainly, as regards business, for the purpose of buying the property of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel Co., Ltd., which is advertised to be sold at auction under the bondholders' foreclosure proceedings by Fisher, Ables Co., auctioneers, at 12 noon tomorrow.

Rumor has it that an old-time quarrel with Alexander Young has moved Mr. Spreckels to buy a rival hotel to that which Mr. Young has established.

DISCONTENT INCREASES

Russian Government is Trying to Head off Contemplated May Day Disturbances.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

ST. PETERSBURG, April 21.—Many leaders of agitators have been put under arrest so as to prevent May day disturbances. They had been urging workmen to secure arms and resist the troops.

JOURNALISTS FOR REFORM.

The congress of journalists in session here are demanding the liberation of the press.

RUSSIA BUYING CARTRIDGES.

Orders for 400,000,000 cartridges have been placed.

SEEKING FOREIGN WARSHIPS.

Inquiries are being made abroad for warships. It is reported that South American vessels have been purchased.

OYAMA MOVING NORTH.

Advices from the front show that the Japanese armies are marching northward, preceded by cavalry.

FRANCE AND KAMRANH BAY.

PARIS, April 21.—Minister Monoto has protested to Premier Delcasse against the Russian use of Kamranh bay. He was assured that neutrality precautions had been taken. Probably the Kamranh bay affair will embarrass France and weaken the Russian alliance.

RUMOR ABOUT ROJESTVENSKY.

SHANGHAI, April 21.—It is rumored that Rojestvensky's fleet has passed the straits of Formosa without an encounter.

GATES DEAL BROKEN.

CHICAGO, April 21.—The Gates wheat deal has been broken, the price having declined five cents.

PLATT BADLY OFF.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Senator Platt's condition is grave.

POULTRY SOCIETY

IS ORGANIZED

A meeting of those interested in poultry was held at Haalea lawn last night. There was a large attendance and the greatest interest was shown. The result of the meeting was the organization of the Hawaiian Poultry Association which will work for the good of the poultry industry in the islands and will encourage the production of fine bred poultry. The articles of association for the society had been prepared and were presented by Judge Weaver after temporary organization had been affected by the election of A. W. Seabury as chairman and C. W. Weatherwax as secretary.

It was voted to call the society the Hawaiian Poultry Association. At the annual exhibition the pet stock fraternity will be given a chance to exhibit.

The association then voted that the initiation fee be one dollar and that an annual due of not more than one dollar be levied on each member. It was unanimously agreed that the fees should be low in order that all who are interested may feel able to join. A committee consisting of J. J. Green, Will E. Fisher and R. C. Brown was appointed to draw up other by-laws

and report next Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

There was some discussion as to the propriety of electing officers before the by-laws were adopted but it was finally voted to proceed with the voting. The following were elected: President, P. L. Weaver; vice president, T. J. King; secretary, St. C. Sayers; treasurer, A. W. Seabury; director, J. J. Green.

Those present at the meeting last night were:

T. J. King, C. S. Frasher, P. L. Weaver, Jno. Markham, W. E. Fisher, Thos. Thrum, W. S. Wall, L. Fernandez, J. Coonrad, J. Gasper, J. J. Mathews, W. C. Weedon, J. S. Hopkins, St. C. Sayers, R. C. Brown, H. Giles, T. Rewcastle, Ella A. C. Long, Oto Belrbach, C. R. Frazier, F. Kaech, A. W. Seabury, C. M. Weatherwax, Wm. Carlyle, J. C. Cook, B. F. Beardmore, Jno. Hills, A. K. Viarra, Jno. Marcallino, J. E. Barges, Wm. Heen.

TRANSPACIFIC RECORDS.

A press message received yesterday stated that the S. S. Minnesota had arrived at Seattle, 11 days and 21 hours from Yokohama, breaking the Trans-Pacific record. This must be the Yokohama-Seattle record as Thrum's Annual records the China as having made the San Francisco-Yokohama run, direct, 4764 miles in Oct. 1903, in 9 days, 4 hours, 17 minutes, while the Korea, a year previous is recorded as having made the eastward voyage, over a course of 4537 miles in 10 days, 15 hours and 15 minutes. Both these records are better than that of the Minnesota.